

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF SCARBOROUGH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH,

1870.

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REPORT.

Notes.	Amount.	Notes.	Amount.
No. 14.	\$232 32	No. 171.	676 23
15.	479 89	174.	1,000 00
16.	219 10	179.	1,000 00
17.	248 30	180.	200 00
18.	155 65	181.	100 00
23.	349 86	183.	600 00
30.	200 00	185.	250 00
31.	200 00	186.	200 00
32.	300 00	187.	250 00
39.	259 43	192.	474 25
40.	259 44	193.	200 00
43.	300 00	197.	600 00
44.	160 85	200.	120 00
50.	400 00	201.	204 00
54.	300 00	202.	153 00
57.	51 50	203.	180 00
58.	96 92	204.	600 00
64.	100 00	206.	216 16
70.	400 00	208.	152 59
89.	1,667 00	209.	204 00
90.	700 00	211.	100 00
97.	500 00	212.	123 93
106.	300 00	213.	262 48
114.	500 00	214.	127 38
116.	500 00	216.	225 00
117.	200 00	217.	126 32
124.	200 00	219.	300 00
135.	800 00	220.	500 00
136.	166 40	223.	600 00
155.	1,272 00	224.	500 00
160.	214 85	226.	500 00
164.	400 00	227.	300 00
166.	200 00	228.	156 00
167.	505 80	229.	600 00
168.	400 00	230.	100 00
169.	600 00	231.	400 00
170.	500 00	232.	1,100 00

No.	21.	H. G. Storer, Auditor for 1868,	\$10 00
	22.	H. G. Storer, service as S. S. Com. for 1868,	2 60
	26.	G. W. Carter, building 28 rods Seavey road in part,	50 00
	39.	Henry Proal, Land Damage on Seavey road,	50 00
	53.	Elisha Collins, building a section of " "	54 00
	54.	Harvey Collins, building section Seavey road,	50 00
	57.	Haines & Carpenter, supplies for Alms House, 1868,	15 00
	59.	G. W. Carter, building section Seavey road in full,	9 00
	64.	Joseph Larrabee, error in tax, 1868,	2 00
	65.	Peter Libby, service as surveyor for 1867-8,	4 00
	67.	S. L. Waterhouse, S. S. Com. for 1868,	35 00
	68.	Elwell, Pickard & Co., for Order Book and printing Report,	35 00
	69.	Charles Varney, settlement of suit for support of W. Doherty,	40 00
	70.	P. P. Co. for printing notices for loan in 1865,	5 75
	78.	Pownal Medical Attendance for Mrs. Dodd,	60 30
	81.	T. C. Carter, burial expenses of Coonley Child,	7 64
	83.	Charles Tibbets, building in part, Tibbets road,	50 00
	88.	S. L. Bragdon, abatement on tax of 1865,	4 92
	104.	Jona Fegg, services as Com. to investigate Town Books,	2 25
	106.	David Meserve, abatement of Tax, 1866,	3 00
	112.	Edward Moses, wood furnished Town Farm, 1867,	9 20
	114.	R. P. Jenness, Medical attendance S. Plaisted, 1867,	20 00
	117.	F. Milliken, Commission on Tax bills, 1865,	30 25
	123.	S. Watson, sawing Lumber, 1868,	2 44
	125.	T. C. Carter, supplies for Almshouse, 1868,	7 68
	136.	Johnson Libby, commission on Tax Bills of 1866,	430 00
			<u>\$1,485 43</u>

For Poor not maintained at Alms House.

No.	19.	C. L. Harmon, for board of E. Newcomb and wife,	\$32 00
	23.	" " " " " " " "	32 00
	46.	" " " " " " " "	40 00
	60.	" " " " " " " "	28 00

No.	80.	I. C. Baker, wood for E. Newcomb,	\$2 50
	84.	S. S. Rich, Coffin, &c., for Mary Parker,	14 00
	85.	Johnson Libby, Cash to pay expense of sickness of M. Parker,	20 25
	96.	F. Waterhouse, supplies for E. Newcomb,	38 99
	113.	J. R. Andrews, clothing for Abial Harmon,	10 30
	130.	Richard Leavitt, cash for supplies to John Coolbroth's wife at Kennebunk,	22 00
			<u>\$240 04</u>

For Roads and Bridges.

No.	37.	C. F. Moulton, labor on turnpike Bridge,	\$8 50
	38.	J. A. Milliken, labor on turnpike Bridge,	5 00
	55.	H. Collins, labor on highway at Coal-Kiln,	10 75
	61.	J. O. A. Harmon, Bridge Plank,	85 93
	77.	R. Leavitt, labor on turnpike bridge,	5 00
	86.	Johnson Libby, labor on Saccarappa Road,	10 00
	100.	J. A. Milliken, labor on Dr. Milliken bridge,	1 50
	101.	C. F. Moulton, " " " "	1 50
	102.	B. Pillsbury, labor on turnpike bridge,	2 00
	103.	J. B. Merrill, " " " "	5 00
	109.	Freeman Libby, building culvert, Dist. No. 2,	2 00
	122.	Geo. B. Thurston, labor on Dr. Milliken bridge,	1 50
	126.	Jacob Detry, labor on Scettows' Hill road,	13 00
			<u>\$156 68</u>

Contingent.

No.	24.	J. A. Milliken, for services in part as Clerk, for '69,	13 00
	118.	J. A. Milliken, for services in full as Clerk, for '69,	13 00
	27.	G. W. Carter, for attendance in Case of Richards vs. Scarboro,	7 00
	28.	B. F. Carter, " " " "	7 00
	40.	Wm McLaughlin, " " " "	7 00
	42.	Geo. Ricker, " " " "	8 00

AVAILIBILITIES.

Due on Tax Bills of Johnson Libby, 1866,	\$186 43
" " " S. L. Waterhouse, 1867,	1,094 56
" " " " " 1868,	5,232 47
" " " C. F. Moulton, 1869,	1,215 09
Money in Treasury,	362 13
Notes of George E. Gilman, and interest,	106 82
Due from School Fund, for 1869,	47 00
Value of Newcomb Property,	400 00
State of Maine Bonds,	10,533 33
	<u>\$19,218 13</u>

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Notes (principal,)	\$52,589 22
Outstanding Orders,	975 01
Estimated interest now due,	1,427 67
Balance due School Districts,	330 28
Outstanding demands estimated,	1,045 00

Total liabilities, \$56,367 18

Liabilities of Town less resources as above, \$37,149 05

We have settled with the Treasurer, C. F. Moulton and report as follows :

Received of former Treasurer, George W. Carter,	\$1,576 94
Received of Freedom Milliken, on Tax Bills of 1865,	421 09
" " Johnson Libby, " " " 1866,	1,923 00
" " S. L. Waterhouse, " " " 1867,	5,549 18
" " " " " " 1868,	325 00
" " C. F. Moulton, " " " 1869,	4,280 45
" " School Fund,	54 64
" from State on account of James Coonley,	35 55
" of E. A. Libby, Collector of School District, No. 2,	143 41
" of Town of Freedom, for support of pauper,	28 75
" of Town of Buxton, for settlement of suit,	145 00
" of Town Farm for proceeds sold,	224 67
" from Portland for support of Doherty,	39 50
" from Notes issued by Treasurer,	17,209 35

\$31,956 53

He has paid out as per vouchers, 31,594 40

Leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$362 13

At the beginning of the Municipal year four actions were pending in which the Town was interested as follows :

SCARBOROUGH *vs.* WESTBROOK,

SCARBOROUGH *vs.* BUXTON,

VARNEY *vs.* SCARBOROUGH,

RICHARDS *vs.* SCARBOROUGH.

The first action was brought for the support of Mary Parker, alias Mary Dyer, who was married to Parker, an inhabitant of Westbrook. But upon careful investigation it was evident that Parker, at the time of his marriage with Mary Dyer, had a legal wife, therefore Scarborough withdrew the action.

The second action was brought by the Town of Scarborough against the town of Buxton for support of S. Plaisted, who was maintained by our Town about two years. A trial of this action would have been very expensive and upon the death of the pauper, a proposal was made for a settlement, Buxton offering to pay the sum of \$145, which we accepted, both parties evidently well satisfied with the settlements.

The third action was brought by Charles Varney for the sum of one hundred dollars for support of William Doherty. The town settled the suit with Varney by paying \$40, and received of Portland, \$39.50 on the same.

The last action was brought by D. Richards against the town for injury to a horse in the highway, in 1863. The case was tried in the Superior Court, in April last, and Richards recovered for value of the horse. The town not being satisfied with the verdict, appealed for a new trial.

We would earnestly recommend to the town that should any unadjusted claims arise, to use all fair and honorable means for a settlement, rather than trust to the expense and uncertainty of litigation.

VALUATION.

Real Estate,	\$580,160
Personal,	67,747
Total,	<u>\$667,907</u>
No. of Polls, 363.	
Tax on the dollar, .014 (one cent and 4 mills.)	
Number of Scholars, 651.	
Proportion of money per Scholar, \$1.11	

Assessment as follows:

For State Tax,	\$3,514 70
For County Tax,	1,806 76
For Repairs of Roads and Bridges, in money,	300 00
For Contingent,	2,500 00
For Support of Schools,	2,000 00
For Repairs of Turnpike, (not expended,)	200 00
Overlay on Assessments,	449 31

The bills of the town officers for the past year are as follows:

Johnson Libby as Selectman, &c.,	\$150 00
Richard Leavitt,	143 00
Granville McKenney,	145 00
C. F. Moulton, Treasurer,	50 00
Town Agent, (no charge.)	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHNSON LIBBY,
RICHARD LEAVITT,
GRANVILLE MCKENNEY.

SCARBOROUGH, March 5, 1870.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This certifies that the foregoing Report of the Selectmen contains a full and accurate statement of all Outstanding Towns Notes, orders and Bills, and for each item they have exhibited satisfactory vouchers.

The auditor would also state that the receipt of one thousand dollars held by the town against Chas. B. Merrill, have been exchanged for the two notes of \$500 each which he held against the town. No interest being paid on either notes or receipt.

By reference to the amount now due on the several tax bills it will be seen that while there is now due the town on the tax bills of 1867 the sum of \$1,094 56 and on bills of 1868, the sum of \$5,232 47, on the tax bills of 1869, only \$1,245 09 is due the town which may be accounted for in a great measure to the different method of collecting taxes by discount. Therefore this method of collecting our taxes should commend itself as the best system to be adopted hereafter.

SETH SCAMMON, Auditor.

SCARBOROUGH, March 5, 1870.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Superintending School Committee, having examined the several District Schools kept in town during the past year, have to report their minutes and observations as follows:

NO. 1, PLEASANT HILL—SUMMER TERM.

Annie H. Fogg, Teacher. Whole No. of scholars in District, 32, whole number attending, 20; average, 13.

FALL TERM.

Emma L. Mann, Teacher. The appearance of Miss Fogg's school was satisfactory, and Miss Mann has previously taught in this District with decided success, but where the attendance is so small, it is somewhat difficult to keep alive the interest of either the scholars or the teacher.

NO. 2, BLACK POINT.

Olive F. Perry, Teacher; whole number of scholars in district, 74; whole number attending 49; average, 31. A tried and approved teacher, and a highly satisfactory school.

NO. 3, LIBBY DISTRICT.

Fannie O. McKenney, Teacher. Whole No. of scholars, 59; number attending, 30; average, 25. An admirable school, admirably taught.

NO. 4, BLUE POINT—SUMMER TERM.

Lucy E. Seavey, Teacher. Whole number of scholars, 71; whole number attending, 42; average, 34.

WINTER TERM.

Mary Wiggin, Teacher. Whole number attending, 28; average, 20. Both schools were regarded in the district with entire satisfaction, which was shared also by the Committee.

NO. 5, DUNSTAN.

Mattie Moulton, Teacher. Whole No. of scholars in district, 86. Closing examination was quite satisfactory.

WINTER TERM.

Laura M. Johnson, Teacher. Now in session. We consider the town fortunate in the acquisition of such a teacher from abroad, and earnestly wish she may long be retained.

NO. 6, SCOTTOWS HILL.

Martha A. Pillsbury, Teacher. Whole No. of scholars in district, 58 ; whole number attending, 35 ; average, 25. In a very brief term this school exhibited a very marked improvement in the manners of the pupils as well as in their regular studies.

WINTER TERM.

E. B. Yeoman, Teacher. Whole number attending, 40 ; average, 26. This was Mr. Yeoman's first attempt at teaching, and both the district and himself have every reason to be satisfied with his success.

NO. 7, BEECH RIDGE—SUMMER TERM.

Emma Hatch, Teacher. Whole number of scholars in district, 57 ; whole number attending, 35 ; average, 22. An average school satisfactory to the district.

WINTER TERM.

John Hern, Teacher. Whole number attending, 30 ; average, 25. The government good, the school well taught, and it gave universal satisfaction.

NO. 18, BROAD TURN—SUMMER TERM.

Mary E. Leavitt, Teacher. Whole number of scholars, 50 ; whole number attending, 30 ; average, 23. At the closing examination the classes made a very creditable appearance, and it is believed that they made good progress in their studies.

FALL TERM.

Oliver Pillsbury, Teacher. Whole number attending, 35 ; average, 25. The term was brief ; the teacher seemed interested ; the school well governed, and yet the progress made did not fully meet our expectations.

NO. 11, OAK HILL—SUMMER TERM.

Jennie Procter, Teacher. Whole number of scholars in district, 78 ; whole number attending, 42 ; average number, 30. At the commencement of this school there was some little dissatisfaction, and a part of the scholars withdrew. But the progress made by those who remained was very satisfactory.

FALL TERM.

Whole number attending, 43 ; average, 31. This term was taught four weeks by Miss Martha A. Pillsbury, with her usual success, and was succeeded by Mr. Augustus F. Moulton, who made the school pleasant and profitable to his pupils.

NO. 13, COAL KILN.

Fannie O. McKenney, Teacher. Whole number of scholars, 51 ; whole number attending, 30 ; average number, 25. Miss McKenney succeeded here as in District No. 3.

WINTER TERM.

Granville McKenney, Teacher. Whole number attending, 38 ; average number 32. In this school there were twenty one scholars, neither of whom was absent for a single day during the entire term : a fact equally creditable to parents, pupils, and to their long-tried and approved teacher.

REMARKS.

On the whole, as will appear from the foregoing report, our corps of teachers for the past year has afforded great satisfaction to your committee, and we think will compare favorable with those of any former period. Our school-houses are far superior to those of former years ; and with two exceptions will demand only a trifling outlay for some years to come.

TEXT-BOOKS.

As a great variety of text-books has been long creeping into our schools needlessly and injuriously multiplying the number of classes, and the difficulties of our teachers, we have after mature deliberation, and at a small expense introduced *Eaton's* Series of Arithmetics as a substitute for all others, and we are satisfied with the result of the experiment. Of his *Intellectual Arithmetic*, and the advantages of a thorough acquaintance with it, it would not be easy to speak in terms too high ; and we think that the entire series is worthy of the very high repute which it so widely holds.

In Geography also, we have, without cost to the town introduced *Cornell's* as our uniform text-book, in the hope that this much neglected branch of study may hereafter receive a larger share of attention and interest. We would also suggest that there has been in our schools a lamentable ignorance of the history of our own country. *Quackenbos' History of the United States* has been studied by a few scholars for a few years past ; it has also during the past year been introduced into one school as a reading-book for the higher classes, and if it could in all our schools be substituted hereafter for the "Fifth Reader," we should regard the change as very advantageous and happy.

EXHIBITIONS.

The inhabitants of the town must have noticed that for a few years past, "School Exhibitions" so called, have been growing more frequent, more notorious and more theatrical in their character. It is the deliberate and unanimous conviction of your Committee their results have not been desirable, impairing as they do, the delicacy

and modesty of the girls who take part in them, distracting the attention of the performers during the latter part of the term and converting our school houses into so many rustic theatres. We regard them on the whole as hurtful to the manners, the morals, and the intellectual advancement of our youth, and would therefore earnestly recommend that they be discontinued and utterly abolished in the future.

PARENTAL COOPERATION.

If any words of ours could induce all the parents in town to send their children regularly and constantly to their several district schools; if we could also persuade them all to ensure good order and happiness in our school-rooms, by insisting on the formation of good habits, and the cultivation of good manners at home, and if finally we could effect the general introduction and reading of instructive and interesting books at the fireside, as a substitute for unprofitable gossip, demoralizing idleness, or vicious company, we are sure the town would soon grow proud of its youth. Until these several changes are effected, there will always be some friction in the government of our public schools, some sad deficiencies in the education of their pupils, and some deplorable shipwrecks of untutored, ungoverned and intractable young men and maidens. Congratulating you and ourselves that there are so many *bright things*, though mingled with some dark ones, in our common schools, we beg leave to submit this brief report to your consideration.

HENRY G. STORER,	}	<i>Superintending School</i>
S. L. WATERHOUSE,		
GRANVILLE MCKENNEY,		

Committee of Scarborough.

SCARBOROUGH, March 5, 1870.